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## **NASA Contractor Fined for False Testing**

On August 23, 1999, RGA Labs, Incorporated of Torrance, CA, was ordered by the U.S. District Court Judge Manuel L. Real, Central District of California, to pay a \$500,000 criminal fine, along with a \$1.2 million restitution. Judge Real also tacked on a probation of five years and a \$300 special assessment fee. Bruce Nguyen, RGA Labs president, previously plead guilty, on behalf of the corporation, to three counts of filing False Statements (18 U.S.C. 1001) within the jurisdiction of NASA and the Department of Defense (DOD).

RGA Labs, a major subcontractor for the International Space Station, was primarily responsible for the reliability testing of electronic components used by NASA, the DOD and their contractors.

The investigation was conducted by Special Agents from the NASA Office of Inspector General, Office of Criminal Investigations, and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service. Assistant United States Attorney Daniel O'Brien handled the prosecution.

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